The Gatekeeper

The offical newsletter of the

Barony of Unser Hafen

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Baronial Bite

Unto the Populace and Friends of Unser Hafen,

News from the Crown - the Letters of Intent from those interested to be the next Baron/Baroness have been accepted by the Crown. They are:

Don Marcus Goltz and THL Cecelia Caterina de Firenza
Lord Diarmuid ua Ciarain and THL Eithne Ingen Fhelain Duib
Countess Kitta Ragnvaldsdottir and Baroness Safiyya bint Faris al Dani

Our thanks to them all for volunteering their time to support the Kingdom and the Populace of Unser Hafen.

Next step is to attend Newcomers and be part of the polling. Polling is your opportunity to provide your opinions on the candidates to the Crown.

After Newcomers, the Crown will announce who will be the next Coronet. Investiture (we step down and the new B&B is invested) will be held May 10.

This is an exciting time for the Barony,

Freana, Baron
Richenda, Baroness

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Seneschal's Sentiments

Greetings Unser Hafen!

Welcome to 2025!! I wish you all love and laughter in the new year!

Be sure to welcome our new Chatelaine, Gilbertus de Messina! We are looking forward to his assistance in greeting any new visitors to our Barony.

Earl Mika Longbow is officially our new Captain of Archers. Join him on Saturdays this winter from 2:00 until 4:00 pm at Rocky Mountain Archery, 4518 Innovation Dr., in Fort Collins.

February 22nd, at the YMCA in Johnstown. So much to do and so many to meet .. Classes, fighting, music and.food! If you don't know what you may want to do, you can volunteer to help out with so many little tasks that will help you meet other people. Looking for a piece of garb, feast gear or some treasure? Come visit the table of Secondhand treasures!

Newcomers will also include the polling to determine the successors of Our beloved Excellencies, Freana and Richenda. The Crown of the Kingdom of the Outlands has announced that they have accepted the following sets of candidates: Don Marcus & THL Cecilia, Lord Diarmud & THL Eithne, and Countess Kita & Mistress Safiyya. Please come and have your opinion heard. Their Majesties Zachariah and Mariana look forward to hearing from you.

For more information on any of other events, details are available on the Outlands and Unser Hafen calendars.

The office of Baronial Quartermaster is still available. If you're interested, information about this position is available on the Unser Hafen website in the "Call for Officers" or ask me directly. Please consider volunteering for this position. Also, if you only want to dip your toe into the pool, many of us are looking for Deputies!

Until we meet again,
I remain yours in service,

Meadhbh

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Herald's Call

Greetings, Unser Hafen!

Happy February! Not much new this month. I am still looking for a successor in this office:

- You don't need to know everything, or even anything, to start out!
- I will train you and will set you up with all the resources you need to be successful.
- All I ask is that you have an appetite for learning new things.

heraldry throughout the SCA, in particular the heraldry of the kingdoms of the SCA and groups of the Outlands. If you are a Newcomer, please feel free to swing by, and if not, please point your favorite Newcomers to me. The more the merrier!

Also, if you want to watch me step up as the new White Stag, there's gonna be a whole ceremony and everything. It'll be at Candlemas, in the Barony of Dragonsspine, on March 1 of this year.

-- Andreas, Barbican (Acting)

Scribal Notes

February's Scribal Night Social will be on the third Monday, February 17th. Bring projects, questions and general enthusiasm to share!

As always, dinner will be available at 6pm and project space/class time at 630 pm. If you would like to partake of dinner and have any food restrictions or allergies, please let Regalis know so she can plan accordingly. Or if you would like to provide dinner, volunteers are always appreciated!

Call for Deputies! The Scribal Office for the Barony of Unser Hafen is in need of Deputies! No artistic skill required for the office. Message Regalis to learn more. You can contact her at scribe@unserhafen.org, via the Book of Faces or Discord, or at any local event.

Scroll Documenting! If you have received an award scroll, or created one, during the reign of Baron Freana and Baroness Richenda, please send photos to scribe@unserhafen.org so we can properly catalogue them for posterity.

If there is a topic you would love to see covered at future Scribal Nights, please do not hesitate to share! Please email scribe@unserhafen.org with your ideas!

Yours in Service,

Regalis dei Falchi and Galen FitzThomas,
Your Friendly Neighborhood Scribal Team

February's Scribal Night Social will be on the third Monday, February 17that the home of Regalis dei Falchi, 5318 Ravenswood Lane, Johnstown CO. . Bring projects, questions and general enthusiasm to share!

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Fighter Practice

Sundays
2:00 pm to 5:00 pm
CSU Glenn Morris Fieldhouse
901 S College Ave, Fort Collins
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Medieval Night

Locust Cidery

First Monday of every month,
6-9 pm at Locust Ciderry,
200 Walnut St, Fort Collins.
Map
Free Admission

Join us the first Monday of each month for dancing,
garb making, arts and crafts,and general merriment.

Garb is encouraged but not required.

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White Rose Inn

The White Rose Inn
On the 2nd Wednesday of every month, the White Rose Inn will open for an evening of warmth and hospitality in Unser Hafen. We are branching out a little this year from food. We may have bardic, crafts, or other topics. See the list below.
No SCA garb is required (unless noted. See June), and you are welcome to bring along food if you don't have time for dinner. We usually have snacks to share.
The Inn will rotate between Fort Collins, Loveland and Greeley.

The Inn will be at the home of Baroness Richenda and Baron Freana
1232 Lawrence Drive in Fort Collins
Phone (913) 219-3808
Subject: St. Valentine and Foods of Love

Wednesday March 12, 2025
The Inn will be at the home of Baroness Hélène Boudin
2114 42nd Avenue in Greeley
Phone (970) 590-7602
Subject: In Honor of St. Patrick Songs, stories and food

Wednesday April 9, 2025
The Inn will be at the home of Baroness Richenda and Baron Freana
1232 Lawrence Drive in Fort Collins
Phone (913) 219-3808
Subject: Medieval Easter

Wednesday May 14, 2025
The Inn will be at the home of Countess Rosalind and Master Thorfinn
3601 El Caminito in Loveland
Phone (970) 667-1284
Subject: Cooking with FIRE! Basic outdoor cooking. **Carpool if you can**, parking is tight.

Wednesday June 11, 2025
The Inn will be at the home of Countess Rosalind and Master Thorfinn
3601 El Caminito in Loveland
Phone (970) 667-1284
Subject: Bardic for Battlemoor Come prepare for singing around the campfire. Bring a song, story or food to share. **Please wear garb to this one and carpool if you can.**

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Call for Submissions

Anyone can write for the Gatekeeper!

Do you have an article or story that you would like to share with the populace? Send it to chronicler@unserhafen.org and it will be reviewed for inclusion in the Gatekeeper.

Do you have something to share with the populace concerning an event or activity that you normally post to Facebook? Please forward that information to

Submissions are due by the 27th of the month (expect February, when it is the 24th,) but are accepted at any time.

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Volunteer Opportunities

Get to really know your fellow gentles. Participate instead of just attend. Don't just live the dream. Be one of the ones who make the dream a reality.

Why do we help? Because we care. Because we love the game. Because we know we belong and so do you.

We are the doers, we are the makers, we bear the spirit of the Pelican. And so can you!

Build your renown, your competence, skills, confidence and make more friends who have the same chivalrous and generous heart as you.

Volunteer opportunities range from Event Stewards, Officers and Deputies, PayPal Check-ins, Event Cooks and staff. There are even some openings in the Media Team.

How do you want to join the team? Let us know! There's room at the table for you too!

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Baronial Goings On

Armoured and Fencing Practice/ A&S Gathering
Sundays,2:00 p.m - 5:00 PM
See Fighter Practice section above for location.
We welcome any and all Arts & Sciences

Barbican Office Hours
When: The second Thursday of January, the 9th.
Where: Grimm Brothers Brewhouse, 815 14th St SW B100, Loveland, CO 80537
What: Unser Hafen's Herald, Barbican

Faces.
Garb is encouraged

Archery Practice
Winter archery practice is on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month from 2 pm to 4pm at Rocky Mountain Archery 4518 Innovation Dr. in Fort Collins. Map

Note: We may start a few minutes late to allow everyone to clear out of private events before opening.

Find us in the "Unser Hafen Archers" group on Facebook for any short notice changes to the schedule.

Calligraphy &/or Illumination
Contact: Regalis dei Falchi
Email:scribe@unserhafen.org

Scribal Night
Every 3rd Monday at 6:30PM at the home of Lady Regalis dei Falchi, 5318 Ravenswood Lane, Johnstown, CO, (map) or virtually - check the Book of Faces for links to the meetings.

For more information contact scribe@unserhafen.org.

Equestrian Practice
Fourth Sunday of every month.
Contact: Lady Cecelia O'Connor
970-420-6652

aspect of heraldry to come and speak to him. Interested in researching or submitting your name or heraldry? Want to learn more about heraldic display or what heralds did in period? Want to learn more about what heralds do in the SCA or how the College of Arms works? Interested in becoming a herald? Already a herald and want to practice your conflict-checking, name documentation skills, or OSCAR commentary skills? All these and more are fair game, come on by!

Going on in Sterling

Medieval Night
First Saturday of the month at 6:00pm.
High Plains Dice and Games
100 Broadway Street Suite 12
Sterling, CO 80752

Archery Practice
First Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm.
North Sterling State Park Range
24005 Co Rd 330
Sterling, CO 80751
For more details, contact Shelbybrandes1@gmail.com or Alan.e.brandes@gmail.com.

Visit the Website for more info, directions and any changes to the schedule for any of these activities. .

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Disclaimer

safety of our event participants, we cannot eliminate the risk of exposure to infectious diseases during in-person events. By participating in the in-person events of the SCA, you acknowledge and accept the potential risks. You agree to take any additional steps to protect your own health and safety and those under your control as you believe to be necessary.

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Upcoming Events

War of the Phoenix
February 11th -- 17th
Phoenix International Raceway
7802 Kimmie Johnson Drive
Avondale, AZ 85323
Event Site

Newcomers and Baronial Polling
Saturday, February 22nd, 2025
Come enjoy a multitude of classes, tournaments, bardic and subtlety completions, and a feast (separate fee). Need stuff? Stop by the Second Hand Treasures table. Help choose our next Baron and Baroness.

Johnstown YMCA
165 Settler Way
Johnstown CO 80534
9:00 am - 7:00 pm

Site Setup 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Friday, 8:00 am -9:00 am Saturday.
Tear down 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm Saturday.
Event Steward: THL Eithne ingen Fhaelain Duib (clairedebrighid@gmail.com)
Event Site

Die Lichtmess Spergauer,

A German Candlemas & Multi-Baronial A&S
Saturday. March 1st, 8:0 am -- 7:00 pm
There will be: a Multi-Baronial Arts and Sciences Competition, an Atlantian Speed Tournament for our fencers, merchants, a feast, and so much more.

Eastside Church of Christ
5905 Flntridge Drive
Colorado Springs CO 80918
Event Site

McGee Park Multi Use Building (MUB)
41 Road 5568, Farmington, New Mexico
Event Site

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Check the Unser Hafen website or The Book of Faces for additional upcoming events and locations.

Virtual Populace Meeting

Third Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m.
Join with Google Meet: meet.google.com/fbz-auqx-iqi
Join by phone: +1 929-282-1162 PIN: 667 226 830#

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Kingdom Calendar

Please visit
https://www.outlands.org/events
for the most up-to-date information.

Court of Unser Hafen

baron@unserhafen.org

Her Excellency
Baroness Richenda de la Selva
baroness@unserhafen.org

Court Herald - Sir Felix Sniumi
Defender - Lord Primus
Protector - Don Andreas
Warden - Alain du Chateau
Equerry - Mistress Llamnei
Arts & Sciences Champion - Lady Regalis dei Falchi
Pencerdd Bard - Lord Vagn Egilsson
Barbican Persuivant - Don Andreas von Meißen
Head of Household - Lady Euphemia de Argyll

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Call for Letters of Intent

Officers & Deputies

Barbican Pursuivant (Unser Hafen Baronial Herald)

Here be proclaimed the call for Letters of Intent for the Office of Barbican Pursuivant (Unser Hafen Baronial Herald)! Are you interested in helping people research and register their names and heraldry? Would you like to learn how to run courts or announce the fighters at tournaments? Are you eager to learn about the history of heraldry? You will receive on-the-job training prior to taking over as Barbican Pursuivant as Andreas transitions to his new role as Palmer Herald, deputy to White Stag Principal Herald.

Quartermaster

Call for Letters of Intent for the Office of Quartermaster, who maintains and tracks equipment and assists Event Stewards with access to the storage unit.

In your letter please include:

- Confirmation that you are indeed interested and desirous of the position.
- Optionally, you can provide a listing of awards you have received.
- Your modern name
- Your society/ SCA name.
- Your postal address.
- Your telephone number.
- Your email address.
- A copy of your membership card or membership number.

Officers must maintain SCA membership for the duration of their tenure.

Please send your letter to the following:

- The Unser Hafen Seneschal, Baroness Meadhbh Daingen int Slébh, via seneschal@unserhafen.org
- The Unser Hafen Baron and Baroness, Freana and Richenda, via baronage@unserhafen.org

Thank you for volunteering to help run our Barony!

More information can be found at: https://unserhafen.wixsite.com/unserhafen/call-for-officers

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Baronial Officers

Seneschal:
President
Baroness Meadhbh Daingen Int Slebhe
seneschal@unserhafen.org

Chancellor of the Exchequer:
Treasurer
Mistress Ursula d\'Arcy
exchequer@unserhafen.org

Barbican Pursuivant Herald:
Assists members with names and devices
Don Andreas von Meißen
(Andrew R. Mizener, Ph.D)
herald@unserhafen.org

Scribe:

Knight Marshal:
Martial Arts Coordinator
Sir Uchtred Leifsson
knightmarshal@unserhafen.org

Captain of Archers:
Archery Coordinator
Earl Mika Longbow
earlmika@aol.com

Marshal of Fence:
Fencing Coordinator
Don Martin de Cuniga
[Maksym Wilozynski]
fence@unserhafen.org

Equestrian:
Coordinates the organization and safety of equestrian activities.

[Lord Galen FitzThomas}]
scribe@unserhafen.o

Minister of Arts and Sciences:
Development of Arts and Sciences
Countess Kitta Ragnvaldsdottir
aands@unserhafen.org

Chronicler:
Creates this newsletter
Lady Caillech dhe Silvertongue
chronicler@unserhafen.org

Web Administrators
Maintains the website
Laurel M. & Valerie F.
webministerl@unserhafen.org

Social Media Officer
Manages social media accounts such as Facebook
Lady Dagny Innaldi
socialmedia@unserhafen.org

Chatelaine/ Gold Key:
Public Relations and Welcome Coordinator
Proviides loaner garb for newcomers
Gilbertus de Messina
[Lady Caírech Liath ingen Alpin]
chatelaine@unserhafen.org

Quartermaster:
Coordinates storage, upkeep, and transportation of Baronial property
Looking for a replacement. See Call for Letters
Lord Galen FitzThomas
quartermaster@unserhafen.org

{Deputies are listed in brackets.}

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Awards and Recognitions

Hype your friends!

If it takes work, there's probably an award for it.
Information on how and why to recommend someone for an award and instructions on how to do so is available on the website.
A list of Baronial Awards can be found here.
A list of Kingdom Awards, and awards available from other groups, is available here.

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Copy/paste versions of embedded website links:

Wimble Herald

- http://wimble.outlandsheralds.org/index.php

Map to Medieval Night at Gryphon Games and Comics:

hl=en&authuser=0

Barony of Unser Hafen website:

- https://unserhafen.org

Barony of Unser Hafen Facebook page:

- https://www.facebook.com/BaronyOfUnserHafen/

Armoured and Fencing Website:

- https://unserhafen.org/rapier-heavy-summer
- Map for Edora Park: https://www.google.com/maps/@40.5648628,-105.0512051,283m/data=!3m1!1e3?entry=ttu

Archery Website:

- https://unserhafen.wixsite.com/unserhafen/archery-summer

Kingdom Calendar:

- https://www.outlands.org/events

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